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ON OPTION III

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1. U.S. REP (PEREZ) INTRODUCED DRAFT OF NAC GUIDANCE TO AHG ON
OPTION III (REF A) TO SPC ON JUNE 26. AT SAME TIME, HE OUTLINED
FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

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SPC STATEMENT INTRODUCING DRAFT NAC GUIDANCE
ON OPTION III

WE BELIEVE THE SPC SESSIONS OF JUNE 23-24 WERE EXTREMELY

INSTRUCTIVE. WE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL AND HOPE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS SO THAT WE HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL.

WE APPEAR TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROCEED WITH OUT CONSIDERATION. AS WE DISCUSSED IN THE SPC, THE U.S. HAS CIRCULATED DRAFT GUIDANCE. AS THE FRG RECOMMENDED, THIS GUIDANCE WOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY AGREEMENT AMONG ALLIES ON ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ALLIED POSITION NOT SPECIFIED IN THE GUIDANCE, AND BY INDIVIDUAL PAPERS ON TIMING AND PUBLIC PRESENTATION/PRESS GUIDANCE.

WE BELIEVE WE CAN DEFER PREPARATION OF THE LATTER TWO PAPERS TO A LATER DATE.

IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING SPC DISCUSSION, THE U.S. PROPOSES THAT MATTERS RELATED TO OPTION III WHICH REQUIRE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER ANALYSIS AS A BASIS FOR INFORMED SPC CONSIDERATION WOULD BE REFERRED TO AN OPEN-ENDED CAUCUS BY THE SPC. A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPC WOULD ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUCUS IN EACH CASE. DELEGATIONS WHICH WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSIDERATION OF A PARTICULAR ISSUE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY DESIGNATED EXPERTS.

WE HOPE THIS DRAFT GUIDANCE WILL OUTLINE THE VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH NEED TO BE DISCUSSED AND SERVE TO FOCUS THE DISCUSSION.

THIS VERSION DOES NOT FULLY REFLECT THE SPC DEBATES OF THE JUNE 23 AND 24 MEETINGS AND WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK THE PAPER WITH YOU. WE, ALSO, MAY WISH TO PROPOSE CHANGES. THIS DRAFT GUIDANCE FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE OUTLINE OF OUR SPC DISCUSSIONS:

- CONTEXBT OF NUCLEAR PACKAGE;
- OBJECTIVES;
- TACTICS;
- CEILINGS AND CONSTRAINTS; AND
- AIR MANPOWER

PERHAPS WE CAN STICK TO THIS OUTLINE WHICH HAS PROVED USEFUL THUS FAR

WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON AN INSTRUCTED BASIS ON NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 30. END TEXT.

2. ACTING SPC CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) SUGGESTED THAT IS WOULD DRAFT A SPECIFIC WORK PROGRAM TO TABLE AT JUNE 30 SPC. BOTH FRG (HOYNCK)
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AND UK (BAILES) REPS SUGGESTED THIS TO BE UNNECESSARY; FORMAT OF DRAFT GUIDANCE WILL BE SUFFICIENT OUTLINE TO FOLLOW IN SPC CONSIDERATION. UK REP ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AT ANY ONE TIME, SPC MIGHT HAVE MORE THAN ONE OPEN-ENDED CAUCUS REFERRED TO IN PARA 4 OF THE U.S. STATEMENT ABOVE.

3. FRG REP THOUGHT THAT A FIRST LOOK AT THE U.S. DRAFT GUIDANCE ON MONDAY, JUNE 30 WOULD ENABLE SPC TO SEE MORE CLEARLY WHICH SUBJECTS MIGHT NEED TREATMENT AS ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF ALLIED POSITION.

4. UK REP SAID UK WOULD WANT TO STUDY THE ISSUES IN WHATEVER WAS THE BEST FORUM. SHE SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO

SEPARATE OFF "SOME EXTREMELY TECHNICAL SUBJECTS" FOR MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY, AS AN AID TO SPC AND ANY CAUCUSES OF SPC.

5. BELGIAN (WILLOT) AND LUXEMBOURG (HOSTERT) REPS STRESSED THE NEED TO AVOID CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULING BETWEEN SPC AND ANY SUB-GROUPS ON OPTION III. HOWEVER, LUXEMBOURG REP FAVORED USING ESTABLISHED BODIES (THE SPC AND WORKING GROUP).

6. CANADIAN REP (ROY) SAID THAT IF SPC BEGINS WORK ON JUNE 30 ON U.S. DRAFT GUIDANCE, SPC WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN WORK ON OTHER ASPECTS OF ALLIED POSITION WHEN DESIRABLE. HE SAID CANADA WOULD SHORTLY DISTRIBUTE IN SPC A LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL POINTS RAISED DURING THE JUNE 23-24 MEETINGS.

7. IS CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO BOSTON GLOBE STORY ON OPTION III (REF B) AND REPORTED THAT NATO PRESS OFFICER HAD NOT YET BEEN QUERIED BY PRESS, BUT WOULD USE AGREED CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE (REF C) SHOULD QUERIES ARISE. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT RUSH TO ISSUE PRESS GUIDANCE, BUT SHOULD ONLY REACT TO ACTUAL QUESTIONS. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT ALLIES HAD ALREADY AGREED ONLY TO USE THE GUIDANCE WHEN PRESSED. BRUCE

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